

Thursday, 08 December 2016

**RE: ALLEGED LIQUIDATION OF MEIBC**

There is email circulated alleging that MEIBC MANCO Meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 decided to liquidate the MEIBC this is not true, the following are correct facts about the Meeting:

1. The Meeting was called to deal with the Council budget and proposed levy increase.
2. Some Parties who want the Council to collapse and close hold a strong view that says closing of the Council should be prioritise, they demanded that the agenda items related to saving of the Council should be removed from the agenda.
3. The MEIBC Management was blamed for decisions taken by the Parties, e.g. all expenditure decisions and reports given to all FACOM and MANCO Meetings. Management has and still supports a Forensic Audit that will either clear or implicate them in wrong doing.
4. If they don't succeed in closing the Council, they will take over the running of the Council. (Minutes of FACOM are attached for your attention) and deliver what they couldn't achieve under the current management i.e. collapsing of the Council and stop flow of levies from MIBFA and ultimately stop payment of salaries.

We have and still cooperating with all Parties and provide them with all correspondences they request from the office. The Council's finances were tabled in all FACOM and MANCO Meetings. Some Parties have been always opposed to Council budgeting for legal cost and MANCO decisions to oppose all cases against the Council; they hold a view that MEIBC shouldn't defend itself from those who want to collapse it.

Some Parties have been informed by Department of Labour that our request to extend the Agreement for 12 months has been given to the Minister for gazettal; these Parties have not shared with us this information. They have requested an urgent follow up Meeting with Department of Labour, we understand that the purpose of the Meeting is to provide the Department with information that will make the Department to change its decision, and this information will include Court papers of Patelia Attorneys and their proposals to ask MEIBC to apply for voluntary liquidation.

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The Meeting of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 will receive legal opinions, and continue with the agenda of the adjourned Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016, we also understand that other Parties will violently oppose any discussion that seeks to save the Council. We will immediately advise you of the outcome of this Meeting, for now we need to continue with our work as if nothing is has happened.

**Metal and Engineering Industries Bargaining Council (MEIBC)**